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Girls' Dormitory and Boarding Hall

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Written by a Student of the School

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Dedicated  
to  
The Ladies of Orange Presbytery

## PREFACE

In this little work the author has endeavored to give practical information about the origin of the Glade Valley High School and the work of the institution from its establishment in 1909 to the present time, (Feb. 1923). Since many records of the school are missing this work is also intended to supplement the records of the work done by the school.

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Glade Valley, N. C., February, 1923.

## ESTABLISHMENT

In the year 1907 a young ministerial student left Davidson College in his junior year because the condition of his eyes would not permit him to go on and finish his course. Desiring to enter some kind of religious work he went to Ashe and Alleghany counties as an evangelistic worker. He traveled over these counties, held meetings, and visited the people. This young man was Mr. A. T. Walker.

Mr. Walker was everywhere met with the need of better educational facilities. Most of the public schools were inferior and there were no high schools in which teachers might prepare themselves. Hundreds of bright boys and girls, eager for an education were unable to go long distances and pay the usual fees. Often when spoken to about going to school their eyes would fill with tears as they replied, "It costs so much father cannot send me."

Mr. Walker secured a number of summer school teachers and conducted an educational campaign. Summer schools were conducted at various points in Ashe and Alleghany counties. This educational campaign resulted in the establishment of the Glade Valley High School.

The Home Mission report of Rev. S. M. Rankin to Orange Presbytery which met in Leaksville in April, 1908, contained the following recommendation:

"That Presbytery appoint a committee of five to secure a location for a high school in Ashe and Alleghany counties, and to establish such a school if the way be clear."

The Presbytery appointed the following committee. Rev. S. M. Rankin, Chairman, Greensboro; J. Lindsay Patterson, Esq., Winston-Salem; Mr. A. T. Walker, Sparta; Rev. R. K. Moseley, \_\_\_\_\_; Mr. McBride Holt, Graham. With careful and pray-

A black and white oval portrait of Mr. A. T. Walker. He is a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking slightly to his left with a neutral expression.  
Mr. A. T. Walker

erful deliberation this committee selected Glade Valley as the location for the school.

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### LOCATION

Glade Valley is on a high plateau, in Alleghany County, about six miles from Sparta, the county-seat of Alleghany County, and about twenty-five miles from Elkin. It is about the geographical center of the five mountain counties (Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, and Stokes) of Orange Presbytery, which are said to have a population of seventy-five thousand people. The location is both beautiful and healthful, on the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with an altitude of about three thousand feet. The scenery is most beautiful, the climate invigorating.

Glade Valley received its name from the Harris bottoms near by. This valley is a broad expanse of beautiful meadow land. The school is in a good Christian community, far from the evil and distracting influence of town or city and the pupils have nothing to distract their attention from their studies and no temptations to waste their money.

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### THE WORK BEGUN

Early in 1909 the Committee bought one hundred and twenty-five acres of land on which to establish the proposed high school. This land was well timbered and well watered. A large part of the lumber for the buildings was obtained from the land and the land has been developed into a farm.

The location of Glade Valley was selected in the early part of 1909 and Mr. W. L. Brewer, an architect of Greensboro, went to Glade Valley, laid out the location for the buildings, made the plans, etc., and donated them to the school. Mr. A. T. Walker was appointed by the Committee to oversee the construction of the buildings. Great were the difficulties encountered by Mr. Walker in this work. When the school was established the nearest railway station was Elkin, twenty-five miles away. All material and supplies had to be hauled from Elkin

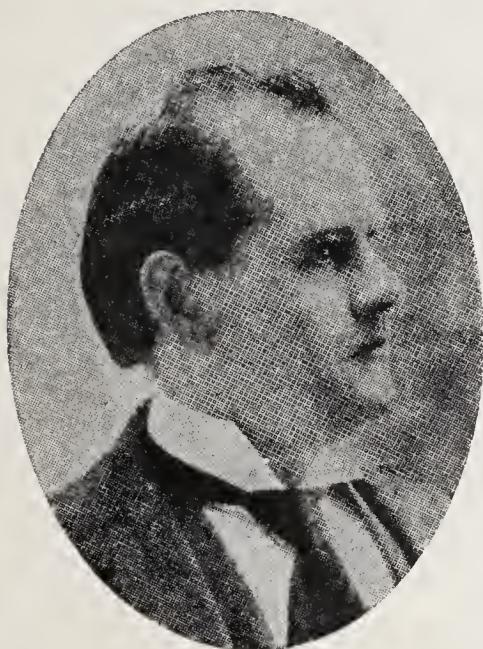
by wagons across the Blue Ridge Mountain over rough mountain roads. A sawmill had to be bought to cut the lumber; thus the lumber for the buildings was obtained economically. A little later a planer was bought and the lumber was finished on the ground. Mr. Walker was often seen hauling material from the railroad with an ox team or working far into the night to further the work. At one time when some cement work had been done on the foundation of the girls' dormitory the temperature suddenly dropped below the freezing point, a haystack was hauled from Mr. Gilmore Harris' meadow near by and the forms wrapped to prevent freezing. Again when the steam heating plant was being installed in the girls' dormitory Mr. Walker, Mr. Gilmore Harris and Rev. S. M. Rankin labored almost through the entire night to prevent the pipes from freezing. The people of the community aided greatly in clearing the land and erecting the buildings. Undaunted by obstacles and hardships, Mr. Walker soon erected an eight-room cottage and had the girls' dormitory,



**Group of Students In Front of the Cottage**

a large twenty-six room building, well under way. In October, 1909, Mr. Walker married Miss Mary Henderson, of Charlotte,

and they moved into the newly built cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Walker remained in charge of the work until about the first of July, 1910, when Mr. Walker had a severe attack of rheumatism and had to move away, before the girls' building was completed.



**Rev. S. M. Rankin**



**Mrs. S. M. Rankin**

Rev. S. M. Rankin, Chairman of the Committee, then took charge of the work, finishing the girls' dormitory and the first term of school was conducted under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Rankin.

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#### BUILT BY FREE WILL OFFERINGS

The school was built by the free will offerings of Christian people. The people of the community showed their good will and support by subscribing \$1,000 to help build the school. In 1909 there was no high school of any importance in the five mountainous counties of northwestern North Carolina. The need of a high grade Christian school where the principles of the Christian religion are taught and emphasized and the appreciation of the people are clearly depicted by the following letters from the community:

Walls, N. C., April 1, 1909.

Rev. S. M. Rankin,  
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Work has begun on the school, and is progressing nicely. The people seem very much interested and are helping, notwithstanding the busy season with the farmers. The people of the community have subscribed nearly \$1,000. When you consider that we are twenty-five miles from the railroad and have to haul our produce over rough mountain roads to market, you will say this subscription is most remarkable. But our people are beginning to wake up educationally. There is but one school in the county that pretends to run more than four months, so it is no wonder our people are putting forth such an effort on behalf of this school.

I wish to commend the wisdom of your committee in their selection of a site. The land is covered with fine timber, and the site is near the survey for the railroad which is now being graded from Elkin to Sparta. Every man in reach, and many not within reach, regardless of religious convictions and politics, is interested and doing what he can for the school. I predict a bright future for Glade Valley High School.

With best wishes for yourself and family, I am,

Yours very truly,  
S. F. THOMPSON,  
Ex-Register of Deeds, Alleghany County

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Laurel Branch, N. C., April 5, 1909.

Dear Bro. Rankin:-

We have done what we could for the school, and we now appeal to you for help. We are greatly in need of this school, as you know. We have never had any opportunities in life ourselves, and our children are growing up in the same sad condition. There are many bright children here, destitute of an education, and will always remain so without the aid of those who are able to help. I trust your many friends will help to build this school, and we hope to see our children educated christian

men and women, properly fitted for the Master's service, and earnestly at work in His vineyard. Please do what you can for us; anything you and your friends do for this mountain work will be much appreciated.

Yours most cordially,  
J. P. McCANN.

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Cherry Lane, N. C.

Rev. S. M. Rankin,

Dear Sir:—We certainly appreciate the efforts you all are making to establish such a school in this community. We are in great need of a school. There is not a first-class school in the county, nor in the adjoining counties. I had to drive across the mountain seventy miles to place my daughter in school at Boone. This is something every one in the community is united on.

Very sincerely,  
A. B. GENTRY.

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Sparta, Alleghany County, N. C.

April 26, 1909.

I am perfectly familiar with the country and know the conditions and needs of the section, and I want to say that the work which Rev. S. M. Rankin and those associated with him are doing in establishing a high school at Glade Valley, N. C., is, in my judgment, a valuable work both from a moral and Christian standpoint, and one that will redound to great good for this section of the State, and for the Presbyterian Church.

R. A. DOUGHTON, Ex-Lieut. Gov. of N. C.

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#### STUDENT SELF HELP, ETC.

A number of scholarships are given by the friends of Christian education to aid worthy but needy boys and girls. Also a large number of needy students are allowed to pay their way in part by working on the farm, grounds, or kitchen and dining room.

### RAISING THE MONEY

Rev. S. M. Rankin, Superintendent of Home Mission Work, did a wonderful work in raising the funds to build the Glade Valley Mission School. To his appeals there was a generous response from the churches, ladies' and young people's societies, as well as from individuals. Those who aided in this work contributed to a noble cause.

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### SOCIETIES FURNISH ROOMS

The ladies of the Orange Presbytery, through their various societies, rendered invaluable service by furnishing the buildings. Through their efforts each room was neatly papered and supplied with furniture.

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTED

\*In the fall of 1909 the following Board of Trustees was appointed: Rev. S. M. Rankin, Chairman, Greensboro; Mr. A. W. McAlister, Greensboro; Hon. A. M. Scales, Greensboro; Rev. E. R. Leyborn, D. D., Durham; Mr. McBride Holt, Graham; J. Lindsay Patterson, Esq., Winston-Salem; Mr. A. T. Walker, Sparta.

On March 29, 1910, the Committee and the Board of Trustees held a joint meeting and the Committee turned over to the Board the management of the school. In the fall of 1910, the institution was incorporated under the laws of North Carolina.

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\*Later Dr. Neal L. Anderson and Judge T. B. Finley were added to the Board. Mr. W. F. Carter of Mount Airy was elected a member in place of Mr. A. T. Walker in 1911. In April 1914, Dr. E. R. Leyburn resigned as a member of the Board and Rev. C. P. Coble was elected in his place. Dr. Neal L. Anderson removed from the Presbytery, and Dr. D. Clay Lilly was elected a member of the Board in his place in 1916. In 1918 Mr. A. W. McAlister resigned from the Board and Mr. R. R. King was elected in his place. In 1920, Dr. D. Clay Lilly removed from the Presbytery, and Rev. T. W. Simpson was elected a member of the Board in his place.

## THE SCHOOL OPENED

Rev. S. M. Rankin took charge of the work at Glade Valley in October, 1910. A large force of hands was obtained and the work on the girls' dormitory pushed as rapidly as possible.

On January 4, 1911, the school was opened with the following faculty in charge: Rev. S. M. Rankin, President pro. tem.; Prof J. H. Gentry, Principal, High School Department; Mrs. S. M. Rankin, Lady Principal; Miss Lucy Graves, Intermediate and Primary Grades; Miss Rebecca Woods, Domestic Science; Prof. W. Paisley White, Normal Course; Miss Josephine Orr, Assistant in Sewing Room; Mrs. Rankin, Music; Miss Woods, Matron. The very first term was a marked success, both in the number enrolled and the grade of work accomplished. Seventy-two students were enrolled during the term.\* The building was not finished when school opened, and was very cold and uncomfortable for the first two months.

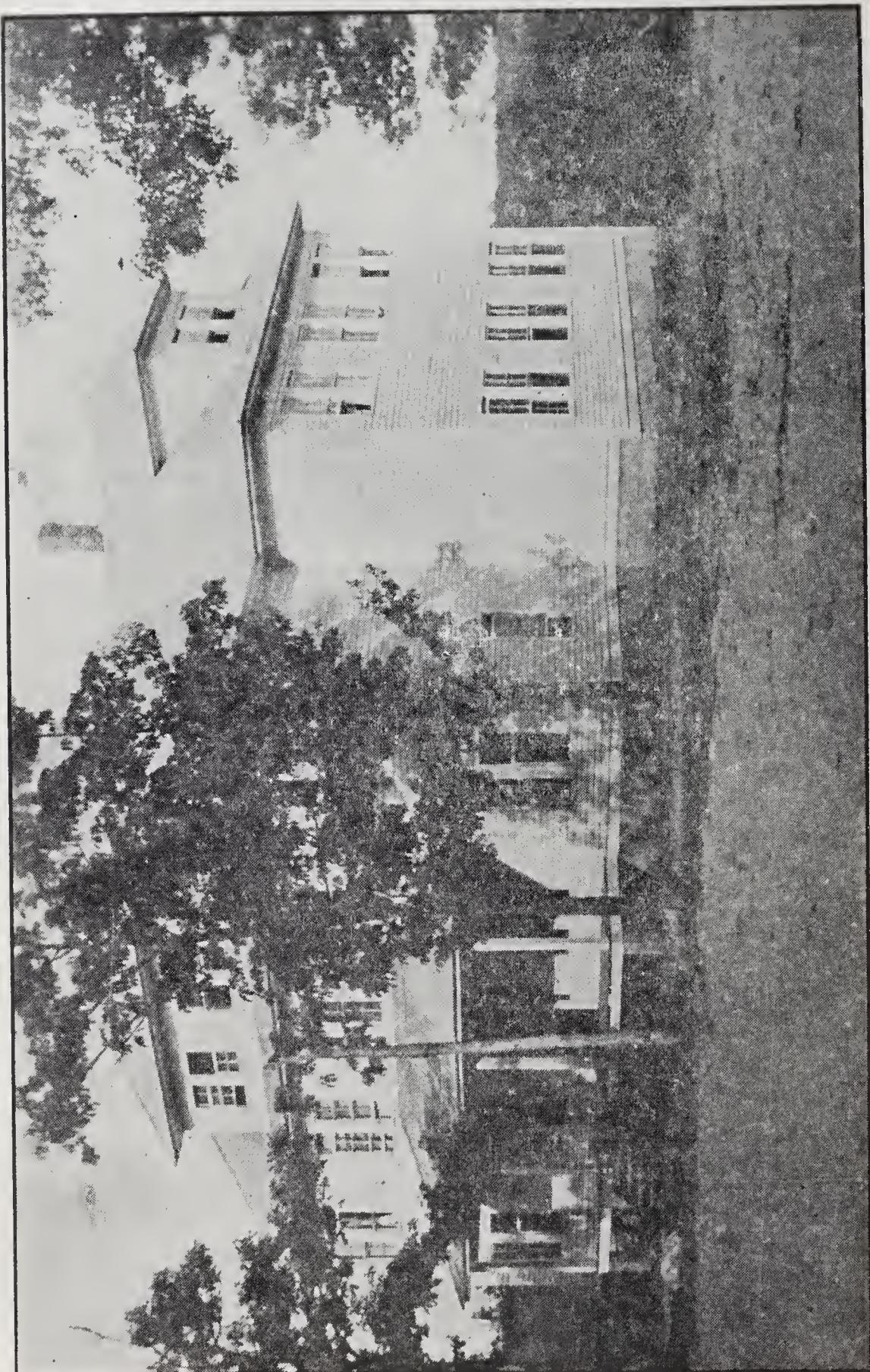
The commencement exercises, which were held May 7-9, 1911, did credit to the new institution. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. R. E. Steele, of Spencer. Ten young ladies contested in recitation for a beautiful medal given by Mr. R. C. Bernau, of Greensboro. Miss May Gentry, of Hooker, was the successful contestant. The young men contested in declamation for a medal given by the President. This was won by Mr. Garnett Edwards, of Sparta. Ex-Lieut. Governor R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, delivered a splendid literary address, which was well conceived and eloquently delivered.

In April, 1911, water was piped into the buildings by force of gravity from a strong spring farther up the mountain. Until then, water had to be carried from a spring some three hundred yards away.

## THE YEAR 1911-12

The Board of Trustees was fortunate in securing a splendid and well equipped man in the person of Rev. W. F. Hollings-

\*The school was established with a primary department which was later discontinued. The school now carries grades seven to eleven inclusive. The music department was begun as an adjunct but has attained considerable prominence and reputation.



Boys' Dormitory

worth, of Morganton, as President of the school. Rev. Hollingsworth was elected in the spring of 1911, and took charge of the work June the first of that year. The infant institution

thrived under the care of Mr. Hollingsworth. He remained in charge for four years, giving to the school his ripe scholarship and practical business methods. The boys' dormitory was erected during his administration. Mr. Hollingsworth placed on the farm a splendid young orchard, which has been a great source of help to the school.

The following faculty had charge during the year 1911-12: Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth, President; Prof. D. T. Bradshaw, Principal; Assistants, Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth, Miss Pearl Woodruff, Miss Elsie

**Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth**

Waddell, Mrs. John Ruff. Miss Clyde Bryan was awarded the scholarship medal at commencement, Mr. Lee Nichols received the declamation medal, and Miss Lina Bledsoe the recitation medal.

In the year 1912, a United States Post Office was established at Glade Valley. Mail had been received at Cherry Lane about three miles away until this time.

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### THE YEAR 1912-13

The following year (1912-13) Prof Samuel Denny Smith was Principal with the following assistants: Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth, Miss Hallye Covington, Miss Emmie Quarterman, Mrs. John Ruff. The school graduated one pupil this year, Miss Stella Gentry, of Glade Valley. The enrollment for the year was one hundred and thirty-four pupils. The commencement was held May 17-20. Nine boys contested in declamation and eleven girls in recitation. Eight students made the honor roll for the year. Mr. Lytle McBride won the declamation medal,

Miss Alma Brooks received the recitation medal, and Miss Fay Evans the scholarship medal.

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#### THE YEAR 1913-14

Prof. W. L. Cooper, Jr., of Graham, was Principal in 1913-14 and had the following assistants: Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth, Miss Hallye Covington, Miss Margaret Cooper, Mrs. John Ruff. The enrollment for the year was ninety-three. The commencement exercises were held in the assembly hall of the boys' dormitory May 15-18. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth. Thirteen young men were in the declamation contest and nine young ladies in the recitation contest. The following medals were awarded at commencement: Music, Miss Clyde Bryan; declamation, Mr. E. B. Eldridge; recitation, Miss Clyde Bryan; scholarship, Mr. E. B. Eldridge.

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#### THE YEAR 1914-15

The following faculty had charge during 1914-15: Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth, President; Prof. G. T. Pace, Principal; Mrs. G. T. Pace, Mrs. Elizabeth Holton, Miss Mary Gaither, Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth. This was a very successful year and two students graduated with honors at commencement, Miss Clyde Bryan and Mr. Lee Nichols. The closing exercises held May 15-18 were very successful. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D., of Danville, Ky. Eleven boys participated in the declamation contest and six girls in the recitation contest. A splendid literary address was delivered by Hon. R. L. Doughton, member of Congress. Miss Retha Thompson received the music medal; Miss Virginia Calloway, the recitation; and Mr. Lee Nichols, the scholarship.

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#### THE YEAR 1915-16

Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth resigned as President of the school

in the spring of 1915 and Prof. W. L. Cooper, Jr., of Graham, was elected President of the school in the summer of 1915. Mr. Cooper had charge of the school for about three years, during which time the institution continued to prosper.

In the fall of 1915 Orange Presbytery at an adjourned meeting in Gastonia, recommended that a campaign be made for \$10,000 for Glade Valley High School. This was done in order that the school buildings might be completed, the plant put in better condition for service, and the full benefit received from the \$20,000 that had already been spent. Mr. W. L. Cooper, Jr., President of the school, was appointed financial agent to visit the churches and raise the money. The campaign was successful and the school was improved materially. The boys' building was finished and the farm somewhat improved. Up to this time only kerosene oil lamps had been used for lighting; an electric light plant was installed which gave excellent service and eliminated the danger of fire. A wood saw and feed mill were also installed. A good small barn was built and the farm fenced.

The school was in charge of the following faculty in 1915-16: Mr. W. L. Cooper, Jr., President; Prof. R. C. White, of Mebane, Principal; Miss Annie Albright, Miss Roberta Pratt, Miss Cornelia McLaurin, Mrs. John Ruff. This year the school graduated three students: Miss Nina Gentry, Mr. Willard Hudson, and Mr. E. B. Eldridge.

On March 4, 1916, was held a preliminary debate for the State triangular debate in which E. B. Eldridge, Willard Hudson, Frank Tally and Tyre Taylor were chosen to represent Glade Valley in the finals: The team won over Mountain View and Trap Hill high schools in the finals and represented Glade



Mr. W. L. Cooper, Jr.

Valley in the State triangular debate at Chapel Hill. The team stood third in the final contest at the University, in which seventy-five schools were represented.

On March 31-April 1, 1916, the Alleghany County commencement was held at Glade Valley. March 31 representatives of a number of the elementary schools of Alleghany and adjoining counties contested in declamation for a scholarship to Glade Valley. Representatives of the schools also contested in recitation for scholarship. A contest was also held in debate in which Mr. Silas Nichols won the medal.

During 1915-16 the school enrolled eighty pupils. The sixth annual commencement was held May 20-23. The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. M. E. Sentelle of Davidson College. Three girls took part in the recitation contest and five boys in the declamation contest. The literary address was delivered by Hon. A. M. Scales of Greensboro. The scholarship medal was won by Mr. Willard Hudson; the recitation medal by Miss Mary Jones; the declamation medal by Mr. Silas Nichols; the music medal by Miss Annabel Taylor.

The fine spirit of Glade Valley in 1916 is shown by the following song which rang over the campus:

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### **Glade Valley's Glory Song**

(Tune: Boola Song)

Glade Valley School on a mountain high;  
Where the sparkling waters ripple o'er the hill:  
The noiseless call of a clear blue sky  
Brings a joy that makes our hearts with rapture thrill.  
Where calm contentment always dwells  
'Mid rhododendron dells;  
Where truth is taught the whole day long  
And praises given in glory song.

Chorus:

Glory, glory to Glade Valley;  
Sing her praises

Thro' all ages  
Glory, glory, all come rally  
Round Glade Valley  
School of schools.

We'll make our school the best of schools;  
We'll tell her precious value far and wide;  
We'll stick to her and all her rules.  
We'll speak her name with care and love and pride.  
So make the air with echoes ring;  
Ne'er cease the whole day long,  
Her praise with might and main to sing  
Glade Valley's glory, glory song.

Chorus:

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#### THE YEAR 1916-17

The year 1916-17 was a most successful year. Prof. R. C. White was again Principal, with the following assistants: Miss Annie Albright, Miss Cornelia McLaurin, Miss Emma Allison, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Jr., Mrs. John Ruff. Seven students graduated in 1917: Misses June Bourne, Pauline Bourne, Lura Waggoner, Messrs. B. Dewitt Phillips, Tyre C. Taylor, Olney Perkins, Clayton Edwards.

The school was again represented in the State triangular debate at Chapel Hill. The speakers were: Messrs. Clayton Edwards, Tyre C. Taylor, Silas Nichols, and Miss Jesse Bledsoe.

Mr. B. Dewitt Phillips received the scholarship medal; Mr. Lee Andrews the declamation medal; Mr. Clive Thompson received a medal for the best essay on mountain Farm Improvement. (No contest was held in recitation.) The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. George W. Lee of Winston-Salem, and Hon. R. A. Doughton of Sparta delivered the annual address. The enrollment for the year was about ninety.

In June 1917 Mrs. William N. Reynolds, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, and Mrs. R. C. Bernau were elected advisory members of the Board of Trustees.

## THE YEAR 1917-18.

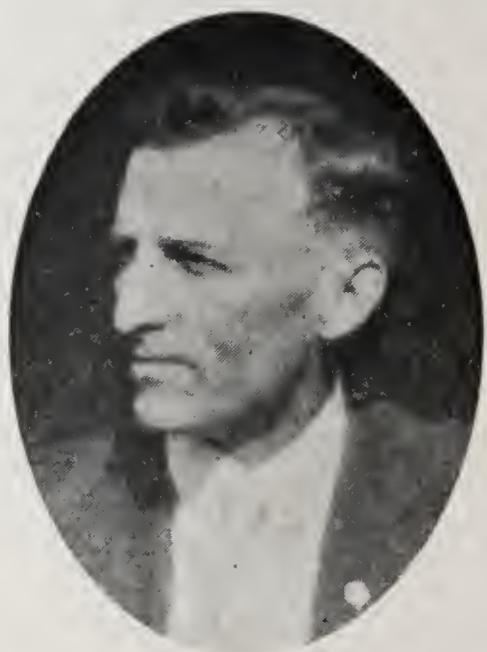
During 1917-18 the school was in charge of Mr. W. L. Cooper, Jr., President; Prof. E. B. Eldridge, Principal with the following assistants: Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Jr., Miss Annie Albright, Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Webb, Mrs. John Ruff. This year the following graduated: Misses Dott Duncan, Clyde Edwards, Retha Thompson, Mattie Hill, Blanche Spicer, Messrs. Frank S. Johnston and Clive A. Thompson. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. T. C. Bales of Mt. Airy, Prof. W. L. Cooper, Jr., delivered the annual address. The scholarship and declamation medals were received by Mr. Guy Duncan; the recitation medal by Miss Margaret Cheek; the music medal by Miss Dott Duncan; debate medal by Mr. Frank S. Johnston.

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## THE YEAR 1918-19

Mr. Cooper resigned as President in 1917 but remained in charge of the school until Rev. A. R. Woodson of Wadesboro, was elected President and took charge of the work March 1, 1918. The school had an unusually large attendance in 1918-19 and the largest senior class in the history of the institution. Following is the faculty for 1918-19: Rev. A. R. Woodson, President; Prof. E. B. Eldridge, Principal; Mrs. A. R. Woodson, Miss Annie Funk, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Miss Lillian Russell, Mrs. F. A. Wrench, Mrs. C. C. Bowman. President A. R. Woodson was dismissed March 6, 1919 and Mr. E. B. Eldridge was placed in charge of the school.

The following graduated at commencement April 29, 1919: Misses Minnie Cox, Carrye Jones, Mollye Phillips, Hessie



Rev. A. R. Woodson



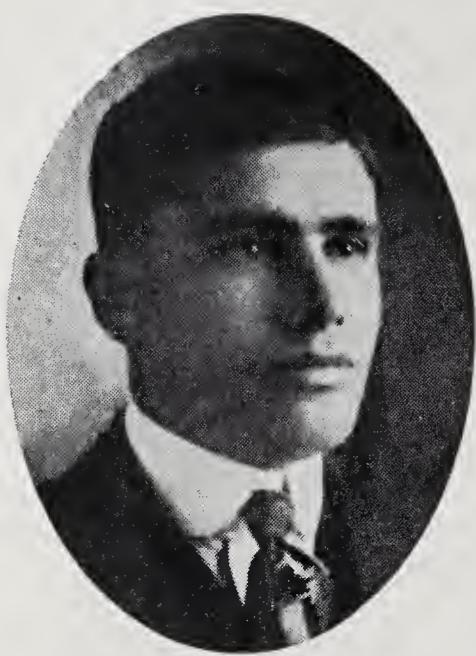
**Graduating Class, 1919**

Reeves, Lura Wolfe, Carrye Dancy, Ruth Reeves, Jennye Moxley, Zollie Edwards, Ola Parsons, Messrs. Ralph Gentry, Robert Waddell, Bert Thompson, Dean Duncan, Marion Murray. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. K. L. Whittington of Greensboro. The annual address was delivered by Hon. R. A. Doughton of Sparta. The following medals were awarded: recitation, Miss Ola Parsons; declamation, Mr. Robert Waddell; scholarship, Mr. Colquit Wrench; domestic science, Miss Maude Cox; neatest room, (girls) Misses Bertrice Duncan and Margaret Woodson, (boys) Messrs. Marion Murray and Frank Belton. The enrollment for the year was one hundred and six.

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**THE YEAR 1919-20.**

Mr. E. B. Eldridge was elected President of the school in 1919 and has remained in charge of the school since that time.



**Mr. E. B. Eldridge** Prof. R. C. White of Mebane was Principal in 1919-20, with the following assistants: Miss Margaret K. Wilson, Miss Florence Eldridge, Miss Annie Williamson, Mrs. Lula Choate. Two young ladies graduated in 1920: Miss Nannie Wagoner and Miss Mattie Lyon. The enrollment for the year was about eighty. The commencement exercises were held April 24-26. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. John R. Herndon of Winston-Salem. The literary address was delivered by Mr. Tyre C. Taylor, a graduate of the school and a student at the University of North Carolina. The following received medals at commencement: Miss Nannie Wagoner, recitation; Miss Annabel Taylor, scholarship; Mr. Charles Collins, declamation; Mr. Charles Crawford, debate; Miss Ethel Moxley, music; Miss Viola Davis, neatness of room.

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#### THE YEAR 1920-21.

The following faculty was elected for 1920-21: Mr. E. B. Eldridge, President; Prof. G. D. Sample, Principal; Miss Ruth Price, Miss Hattie Brown, Mrs. Lula Choate, Miss Josephine Styer, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge.

The year 1920-21 witnessed a number of improvements in the school. Steam heat was for the first time successfully employed in the boys' dormitory. The school was put on a firm financial footing. The work of painting the buildings was begun in the summer of 1920; the dormitories were finished in 1921 and the cottage was painted in the spring of 1922. A number of rooms in the boys' building were papered in 1920-21. Those graduating in 1921 were: Misses Bertrice Duncan, Annabel Taylor, Beatrice Rector; Messrs. Charles Crawford,

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Edwin Duncan, Bynum Edwards, Traverse L. McBride, Cas F. Taylor. The enrollment for the year was one hundred. The commencement was held April 24-25. Eight girls and nine boys participated in the recitation and declamation contests. The following medals were awarded at commencement: scholarship, Miss Annie Wilkerson; music, Miss Sadie Brandon; recitation, Miss Bertrice Duncan; declamation, Mr. Cas Taylor; neatness of room, Miss Viola Davis. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. George W. Lee of Winston-Salem. The annual address was delivered by Rev. E. N. Caldwell of Graham.

In the spring of 1921 Glade Valley was represented in the interscholastic declamation contest at Wake Forest College by Mr. Charles Crawford.

Glade Valley was for the third time represented in the State triangular debate at Chapel Hill in 1921. The speakers were: Messrs. Charles Crawford, Cas Taylor, Alex Osborn, and John Maines.

In 1921 part of the grounds was converted into an athletic field. Grounds were provided for baseball, tennis, etc.

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#### THE YEAR 1921-22

In 1921-22 the following faculty was in charge: Mr. E. B. Eldridge, President; Prof. Chalmers G. Long, Principal; Miss Bessie Tesh, Miss Hattie Brown, Mrs. Grace Conolly, Miss Gray Greene, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge. This was a most successful year. The enrollment for the year was seventy-five. Five students were in the senior class. During this year a new electric light plant with storage batteries was installed; also an electric washer was installed. A complete water system with bath rooms in both dormitories was added to the equipment. Through the liberality of the ladies' societies the library was enlarged to over five hundred volumes besides numerous periodicals, magazines, etc.\* The Presbyterian Committee of Publication

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\* A small library was started at the opening of the school in 1911.

of Richmond, Va., also contributed liberally to the library. The rooms in the girls' dormitory were repapered and the wood-work painted. Nearly all rooms of the boys' building were papered and one class room; the assembly hall was painted. These things were also accomplished principally through the generosity of the various societies.

The music department found in the person of Miss Gray Greene a most able teacher. The following recital was given on Saturday, April 29, 1922, under direction of Miss Greene and was a decided success:

Piano Solo—*Grande Valse de Concert* .... F. Mattei  
Sadie Brandon.

Chorus—*Welcome Sweet Springtime* .... Rubinstein.  
Chorus Class.

Piano Solo—*Love Dreams* ..... Brown  
Betty Ruth Duncan.

Piano Duet—*Cinderella* ..... H. A. Williams  
Lella and Eva Greene.

Vocal Solo—*Springtide* ..... R. Beck  
Miss Tesh.

Piano Solo—*Narcissus* ..... Nevin  
Ethel Moxley.

Quartette—*Kentucky Babe* ..... A. Geibel  
Misses Tesh and Greene, Messrs. Long and Ervin

Piano Solo—*Marche Grotesque* ..... Sinding  
Bertrice Duncan.

Piano Solo—*The Flatterer* ..... C. Chaminade  
Lexa Creed.

Piano Duet—*Festival Overture* ..... H. Engelmann  
Bertrice Duncan and Miss Greene.

The commencement held April 29-May 1, 1922 was, perhaps, the most successful in the history of the institution. The following pupils graduated: Misses May Thompson, Mabel Thompson, Messrs. Fred Taylor, John Maines, and Arthur Wiles. A very able commencement sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Foster of Winston-Salem. A most able literary address was delivered by Prof. Chalmers G. Long. The following medals were presented at commencement: declamation, Mr. Arthur Wiles; recitation, Miss Eva Greene; scholarship, Mr. Clay Thompson; music, Miss Lexa Creed, neatness of room, (girls) Miss Sadie Brandon, (boys) Mr. Roy Eldridge and Floyd Fender.



**Graduating Class, 1922**

Lexa Creed, neatness of room, (girls) Miss Sadie Brandon, (boys) Mr. Roy Eldridge and Floyd Fender.

## THE YEAR 1922-23.

The faculty for 1922-23 consists of the following members: Mr. E. B. Eldridge, President; Prof. J. Oliver Overcash, Principal; Mrs. Grace Conolly, Miss Margaret Fleming, Miss Estelle Overcash, Miss Jane Ervin, Miss Gray Greene, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge. The work of the school is progressing nicely. The senior class of '23 consists of eight members: Misses Ethel Moxley, Sadie Brandon, Octavia Taylor, Messrs. Everette L. Taylor, James Moxley, William McLean, Floyd Fender and Silas Nichols.



Faculty, 1922-23.

Mr. R. K. Smith, formerly of North Carolina, who died in New York in the fall of 1922 bequeathed to Glade Valley High School the sum of \$10,000.

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## THE ALUMNI

The school has been running for twelve years, during which time it has graduated fifty pupils. A large number of these have gone to college. It is a notable fact that no Glade Valley graduate ever failed at college. Among the alumni are one assistant professor in the University of North Carolina, four high school principals, one mechanical engineer, one minister,

several studying law, and medicine, as well as several taking the regular literary courses. Several Glade Valley graduates have won the highest honors in college. The graduates of the school have organized an alumni association and established an alumni scholarship fund.

#### THE SCHOOL TODAY

Summarizing briefly the past history of the Glade Valley High School, a few years ago what is now the campus was the unbroken playground of squirrels and chipmunks and the splendid buildings were trees of the forest. Since the school opened in 1911 it has touched the lives of over one thousand young men and women from various parts of the state, a large number from Alleghany and adjoining counties. The school is today a thriving institution offering a standard four year course and is accredited by the state. It has two large dormitories with the modern conveniences of steam heat and electric light, well furnished, homelike rooms, an excellent library, and many other conveniences. Besides the regular class room



A Campus View

work a well organized literary society is maintained, good athletic games and wholesome entertainment are provided. The students have the benefit of a radio receiving outfit. The social atmosphere of the school is wholesome and uplifting and its influence is felt throughout the community.

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### THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL

Since its establishment the school has made wonderful progress—graduated fifty students and influenced the lives of over one thousand boys and girls—but a still greater field of usefulness is yet open to this Mission School. Never was the need of high grade Christian education more keenly felt than it is now, in this day of complex and exacting life. The school stands in need of better equipment and facilities, not only to carry on its present work but to meet the increasing demands made upon it. Throughout the country hundreds of bright children are rapidly growing into manhood and womanhood—**“Better unborn than untaught.”**

Among the imperative needs of the institution are seats for the assembly hall, together with curtains and fixtures. At present only rude and uncomfortable benches are in the assembly hall, which is used as chapel every day. Additional classroom equipment is also needed—maps, desks, dictionaries window shades, etc. Wallpapering would add materially to the comfort and appearance of the class rooms, only one of which is papered.

Additional tools and equipment are needed for the farm, and the farm needs many improvements. By the further development of the farm it can be made a very substantial factor in the support of the boarding department of the school. More land needs clearing and putting in cultivation, and pasturage, and meadow. The development of the farm is one of the urgent demands of the school.



**A View of the Farm.**

A little money and labor spent in improving the campus and grounds and planting flowers and shrubs would add to the beauty and homeliness of the environment.

A requisite need of the school is an administration building with class rooms and auditorium. This, with the two dormitories already on the grounds, would place Glade Valley in position to meet the task before her. The present assembly hall is entirely inadequate, as it will not near seat the audience at any kind of exercises. An administration building would enable the boys to have a library, reading room, literary society halls, etc., in the boys' dormitory. These things are very essential for the best results.

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### CONCLUSION

On a beautiful plateau, some three thousand feet above sea level, amid picturesque mountains and valleys is situated the Glade Valley High School. The institution is owned and operated by Orange Presbytery and is in charge of the following Board of Trustees: Rev. S. M. Rankin, Chairman, Greensboro; Mr. A. M. Scales, Greensboro; Mr. R. R. King, Greensboro; Rev. C. P. Coble, High Point; Rev. T. W. Simpson, Win-



### Campus View

ston-Salem; Mr. T. B. Finley, North Wilkesboro; Mr. McBride Holt, Graham; Mr. J. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem; Mr. W. F. Carter, Mt. Airy; Mr. E. B. Eldridge, Treasurer, Glade Valley. The school has a plant and equipment worth some

\$35,000, and is located in a good Christian community. Moral training received in the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor Society and Church has an important part in the training received at Glade Valley.



### The Glade Valley Presbyterian Church

Glade Valley is situated on the new, hard surfaced highway now nearing completion, making the school easily accessible from all points in the state—only a few hours drive from Winston-Salem or Charlotte.

The Glade Valley High School is exerting a profound influence for good in the community and is an institution of which Orange Presbytery may be justly proud.

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The year 1922-23 has been a very successful year. The school was represented in the interscholastic declamation contest at Trinity College this year by Mr. Clinton Burgess. Glade Valley was for the fourth time represented in the State debate at Chapel Hill by Messrs Clinton Burgess and Lester Tilley, affirmative, Collier Parrish and Floyd Fender, negative. The affirmative team won in the first preliminary.

The thirteenth annual commencement was held April 28-30. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Ervin of Glade Valley. The annual address was delivered by Professor John M. Cheek of Sparta. Seven girls contested in recitation and seven boys in declamation. The following medals were awarded: recitation, Miss Vesta Shepperd; declamation, Mr. Clinton Burgess; scholarship, Mr. Ira Phillips; music, Miss Darrell Bowlin; neatness of room, (girls) Miss Ruth Long; (boys) Messrs. Ira Phillips and Charles Sanders.







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